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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/534/Add.2)*]

55/271. Support account for peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999, 54/243 B of 15 June 2000 and 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000,[1] his report on the budget for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and of his report on the budget for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[2]

[1] A/55/861.
[2] A/55/862.
[3] A/55/882.

2. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations being able to respond and deploy rapidly a peacekeeping operation upon the adoption of a Security Council mandate;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

5. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

6. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, as approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

7. *Also decides* to continue the five hundred and sixty-two support account-funded temporary posts;

8. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that delegation of authority to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and field missions is in strict compliance with relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly on this matter;

9. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit revised resource requirements for the support account prior to the opening of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the intention of the Secretary-General, as reflected in paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to introduce changes in the presentation of the support account budget document in conformity with General Assembly resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a more consistent and balanced presentation of proposals for all the departments;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to address the need for streamlining the contingent-owned equipment procedures, including processing claims and memoranda of understanding, and to strengthen the Finance Management and Support Service in the area of claims processing, and to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-sixth session, concrete remedial proposals to address adequately the concerns raised in paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

13. *Decides* to appropriate the commitment authority of 3,501,600 United States dollars approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/243 A;

14. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements in the amount of 73,645,500 dollars gross (64,361,800 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

15. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,300,900 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of 1,273,000 dollars in miscellaneous and interest income, and to prorate the balance of 75,846,200 dollars gross (66,562,500 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to

meet the resources required for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.

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